

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented). Adhesive packaging tape comprising a backing comprising an oriented thermoplastic film and a coating comprising a solventlessly prepared pressure-sensitive adhesive composition wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises a mixture of:

- a) 100 parts by weight of unmasticated natural rubber
- b) 70-120 parts by weight of tackifying resins based on hydrocarbons
- c) 5-30 parts by weight of fillers
- d) 2-20 parts by weight of plasticizers
- e) 0.1-15 parts by weight of a thermally labile crosslinker system
- f) 0.5-5 parts by weight of ageing inhibitors.

Claim 2 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film comprises biaxially oriented HDPE, PVC or PET, monoaxially oriented polypropylene or biaxially oriented polypropylene.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinker system is based on isocyanates, and is used in an amount of 0.1-5.0 parts by weight.

Claim 5 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinker system used comprises a mixture of 0.1-5 parts by weight of at least one photoinitiator, and 0.5 to 10 parts by weight of at least one polyfunctional (meth)acrylic ester.

Claim 6 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition is crosslinked by means of accelerated electrons or UV radiation.

Claim 7 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein a coat of a primer is applied between the thermoplastic film and the adhesive layer.

Claim 8 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic film comprises a release coating.

Claim 9 (previously presented). Adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesion of the adhesive composition to the thermoplastic film is improved by means of corona treatment or flame pretreatment.

Claims 10-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of Claim 4, wherein said isocyanate is a diisocyanate or a polyisocyanate.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of Claim 1, wherein said tape is suitable for pallet securement.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of Claim 14, wherein the tape is suitable for pallet securement.